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Great British Offensive was Launched Today

"Quality and Service"

We Solicit your grocery and market trade.

Hardy Hewton

BEARS HAVE IN- NING IN COTTON

Government Bureau Report Shows
\$1.1 Per Cent Up to June 25 and Fu-
ture Market Slumps 30 Points.

Washington, July 1.—Present conditions indicate a cotton crop of \$1.1 equivalent to 14,266,000 bales this year. The department of agriculture forecast this total production today in connection with its report announcing the condition of the crop of June 25 and the preliminary estimate of this year's acreage. Last year's crop, the smallest since 1909, was 11,191,820 bales, while two years ago it was 16,134,930 bales, the biggest crop ever known. In 1912 it was 14,156,485 bales and in 1913 the production was 13,703,421 bales.

In its preliminary estimate of the area of cotton in cultivation this year, the department places the figures at 35,994,000 acres. That compares with 32,107,000 acres, the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation a year ago, and with 38,832,000 acres harvested in 1914, the year of record production, 37,089,000 in 1913, the year of the record average, and 34,253,000 acres in 1912.

The condition of the growing crop on July 25 was \$1.1 per cent of a normal, as compared with 77.5 per cent on May 25 this year, \$0.2 per cent on June 25 last year, and \$0.2 per cent, the average condition for the last ten years on June 25.

Since the May 25 report was made, placing the condition at 77.5 per cent of a normal, the weather has not been entirely favorable for the growing crop. It has been too wet to permit of satisfactory cultivation and too cool for proper growth. During the first week following the May report the weather was favorable for development and the crop was reported improving steadily. Boll weevils were reported in Southern Alabama and in parts of Mississippi. Rains hindered cultivation during the second week in the north and there was considerable complaint of slow growth, due to cool nights, in nearly all sections, while boll weevils were reported numerous in Alabama and were found in Florida. Some damage from weevils was reported. Rainy weather and unseasonable cold continued during the latter part of the month, checking growth, but the plants were reported improving generally in the central and southern parts of the belt. The weevil was reported in parts of Texas and Northern Louisiana.

In calculating its forecast of total production the bureau of crop estimates based the yield on the condition of the crops on June 25 and the preliminary estimate of the acreage, allowing for abandonment one per cent from the planted area. The final production, however, probably will be larger or smaller than estimated according as conditions from now until time of picking are better or worse than average conditions.

NEW STREET IN BUSINESS SECTION

H. & T. C. Officials Accept Ordinance
Passed by the City Council and
Everything Now Possible.

A communication received this morning by the officials of the City of Bryan from the officials of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad at Houston is to the effect that the road accepts all ordinances and trades offered them by the City Council of Bryan. This acceptance means that there will be a new street opened in the heart of the business section of the city. Where once there was a switch track filled continuously with box cars will soon be a nice gravelled street with concrete sidewalks, the same being two blocks long and running from Anderson Street to Fannin Street, between the Central freight depot and the rear of the Carnegie Library and Hotel Bryan.

It is a thing to be appreciated by every citizen of Bryan that all this city trouble has been gotten out of the way and to know that the officials here and of the road are now on the most friendly terms.

AMUSEMENTS.

Don't let a little rain keep you from seeing the good features at the Dixie and Queen tonight. "The Lotus Woman," with the famous Alice Hollister and Harry Millard is one of the best five reel features ever shown at the Dixie. Wm. Nigh and Marguerite Snow in "His Great Triumph" is an unusually fine Queen feature for tonight and admission only 15 cents. Tuesday brings the great little screen queen, Mary Pickford, in one of her best pictures, "The Eternal Grind," to the popular big feature house, the Queen. Wednesday brings the great Rushman-Bayne special, "A Virginia Romance" to the Dixie. Such a treat has never been offered in Bryan. Be sure to come and tell your friends.

COLONEL OUSLEY DETAINED.

Dr. Weaver has received word from Colonel Clarence Ousley that he was detained in Washington, D. C., and would not be able to speak at the First Baptist Church tomorrow night. In his stead Prof. O. F. Chastain of the A. & M. College has been secured to fill the appointment which is a guarantee that there will be no disappointment in the service. Prof. Chastain is connected with the department of English at the College and is among the ablest men of that institution. He is a leader in the religious activities of the College, and is a man of the highest type of citizenship. He will no doubt be greeted by a very large audience.

A few good misses in the chorus are apt to help an opera to make a hit.

TWO MILLION MEN READY FOR SUPREME EFFORT

What Is Believed to Be the Final and Greatest Struggle of the War Began at 7:30 This Morning When the British Began Their Long Heralded Offensive Against Germans on the Western Front—The Fighting Is Terrific and the British Have Been Gaining Rapidly. They Are Reported to Have Two Million Fresh Troops in the Battle Line and Held in Reserve—The French Are Co-operating and Came Thundering to the Fighting Line When Signal Was Given—In the Fighting About Verdun the French and British Are Playing a Game of See-Saw—The Germans Claim the French and British Attacks Were Repulsed.

(By Associated Press.)

British Headquarters in France, July 1.—The tremendous British offensive was launched at 7:30 this morning over a front extending twenty miles north of Somme. The assault was preceded by a terrific bombardment which lasted half an hour.

The fighting is developing with intensity. The British casualties have been comparatively light, but within a short time after the general movement had begun the British troops occupied the German front line and had captured many prisoners.

Simultaneously with the launching of the British offensive, the French infantry advanced to the attack. This movement of the French troops was inaugurated over a section of French lines adjoining the junction point with the British front.

This is regarded as the long expected British offensive and it is known that England had two million men ready for the supreme effort to break the German battle line in the west.

At 1 o'clock, after six hours fighting, the British had captured Barre and Montauban and Laboulle. The Germans held Fricourt, Ouliers and Beaumont-Hamel. The British, in making a fresh attack on the latter positions there, is an intense struggle for the possession of contumacious, one end of which the British hold, with the Germans on the other. The French, co-operating to the south, captured Corlieu and Faviere Woods. All the main first line trenches are reported to have been taken. At some points the operations reached the main second line. The British have a strong position northwest of Thiepval and are attacking fiercely in an effort to surround it. The important German position at Fricourt may be cut off.

Playing See-Saw.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, July 1.—After four violent attacks with liquid fire the Germans recaptured their lost positions east of Hill 304 which the French took yesterday. The French made a counter attack and again recaptured the position, according to the official statement today. The Germans penetrated Thiamont works which the French captured yesterday.

Claim French Repulsed.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, July 1.—Reconnoitering attacks by French and British troops along the west front during the night in all cases were repulsed by the Germans, the war office announced today.

\$2,000,000 FOR DE- PENDENT FAMILIES

May Bill Passes House Appropriating
Two Million Dollars for Families
of Guardsmen.

Washington, July 1.—The May bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the dependent families of the National Guardsmen who have been mustered into the federal service passed the lower house today. The bill allows \$50 for each family per month.

STOLEN FORD IS RECOVERED HERE.

A young man who is in the jitney service in Houston, running a Ford for his father, decided this morning that Houston was not the right place for him, so without his father's consent, decided to go to Dallas in the jitney he was running. However, when the young man appeared on Main Street in Bryan he got into conversation with City Marshal Conlee and Deputy Worley and after he refused to talk was arrested on suspicion. Mr. Conlee got in telephone connection with Houston immediately and the above facts were found out. The father of the boy had him turned loose with the promise that he would return to Houston this afternoon, and the young man jumped in and promised to reach home before sundown.

CROSSING BEING IMPROVED.

The I. & G. N. Railroad is today having gravel dumped from a car along the sides of the track where the streets cross, for the purpose of filling in the low places and making traffic easy over the railroad right of way. The I. & G. N. people are always ready to improve their property in Bryan.

TO REFUSE TROOP TRAIN NEWS.

Katy Officials at McAlester Receive
Orders to Give No Information.

McAlester, Okla., July 1.—Special orders were received by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway officials Friday morning to refuse to give out any information relative to the movement of troop trains over the Katy Railway.

All of the large railroad bridges are being guarded day and night, and every precaution possible is being taken to prevent Mexicans from destroying railroad property.

We pity the poor blind women who never saw a bargain in their lives.

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MEXICAN AFFAIRS AT A STANDSTILL

Officials at Washington Mark Time
While Impatiently Waiting
Carranza's Reply.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, July 1.—Developments in the Mexican crisis were at a standstill again today while the United States impatiently awaited Carranza's reply to the demand for a declaration of his future policy. The messages from Agent Rodgers at Mexico City did not mention the Mexican answer. After today, should it be necessary for President Wilson to address congress, he will have to wait until Wednesday, as both houses have adjourned over the Fourth.

Attempted to Wreck Troop Train.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Kan., July 1.—Three Mexicans were arrested yesterday shortly before a troop train passed through by the officers, it was announced today. They declared the Mexicans were attempting to throw a switch and wreck the train.

Arkansas Troops Ready.

(By Associated Press.)

Little Rock, Ark., July 1.—Mobilization of the Arkansas National Guard was completed today and mustering into the federal service has commenced.

New York Troops Arrive.

San Antonio, Texas, July 1.—The Fourteenth New York Infantry passed through here this afternoon en route to Brownsville.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the kind friends who were with us in our late sadness, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation. And to the ones who made our little darling's last resting place a bed of flowers, may this kind deed be answered from above.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Covey and Son.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-ESTABLISHED

Enterprising Citizens of Independ-
ence Petition Commissioners
Court for \$1200 Bond Issue.

A petition from the tax paying citizens of School District No. 25 of Brazos County, which is located in the Independence community, have presented a petition to the commissioners court of the county requesting that body to order an election for a bond issue of \$1200 for the re-establishing of their school district and with which to erect a new school house. The citizens of this community are very progressive and believe in giving their children the best there is in the way of an education and they are to be congratulated on taking this step. County Judge Maloney says he will lose no time in getting the order for an election through as he is a strong believer in higher education and to bear this fact out has called a meeting of the court for Monday morning, when that body will pass on the petition and he will order an election at the same time and as soon as the proper notice can be given the election will be held.

TAX RATE TO BE FIXED.

The August meeting of the commissioners court, which will be convened on the first Monday in August, will be the time for the establishing of the tax rate for Brazos County. Considerable work is attached to this task as each and every independent school district also has to have their tax levied.

POSTAL RECEIPTS DECREASE.

According to reports compiled by Postmaster Astin the receipts at the Bryan postoffice for the month of June just closed show a decrease of \$264.96. The receipts for the month of June in 1915 were \$1,444.96 and for the month of June, 1916, were \$1,180.

It Will Increase the Beauty
and Comfort of Your Home!

NEW FURNITURE

Don't build your home merely for outside appearance. Make it attractive and comfortable inside.

Our constant effort is to obtain new designs that will meet with your every requirement, and with a close scrutiny of every detail of construction in the manufacture.

We would like to have you call and see our stock of furniture—those beautiful bedroom suits in birds eye, mahogany, old ivory and oak. Willow sets, comfortable rockers, art squares, rugs and refrigerators.

In our new home we are prepared to show you our excellent lines.

W.T. JAMES, FURNITURE

"The Store That Gives Service That Busy People Appreciate."

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We have just received an assortment of the Very Latest song hits. Rags and ballads. Come in and hear them.

We can offer you standard Songs and Ballads in four ranges. Visit our Victrola Department and ask to hear any record listed in the Victor Catalogue.

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